

REMARKS

Claims 1-46, and 48 are all the claims pending in the application.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 1-46, and for indicating that claim 48 would be allowable if written in independent form. By this amendment, claim 48 is written in independent form and therefore is now in condition for allowance along with claims 1-46.

Claim 50 has been rejected as anticipated by, Kamamoto, et al.. This rejection is respectfully traversed. However, to obtain immediate allowance of the subject application and without waving Applicant's rights to subsequently submit claims directed to the subject matter of claim 50 in a future application, claim 50 is canceled without disclaimer or prejudice to the filing of such a subsequent application.

As all claims presently in the application have been indicated to be allowable by the Examiner it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for enclosing the Interview Summary regarding the interview held with the Examiner in March of 2005. Applicant had previously, on March 11, 2005, filed the Statement of Substance of Interview. As Applicant's Statement of Substance of Interview is consistent with the Examiner's Interview Summary no further Statement of Substance of Interview is necessary. As previously noted, Applicant thanks the Examiner for withdrawing of the previous rejections of claims 1-46.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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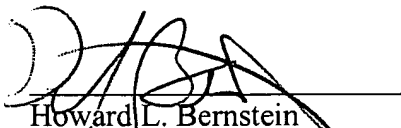
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